diate examination, and why she has been refused admission to a college purely intended for ladies?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"Mere passing is not enough for admission to Government colleges. Only candidates with a certain percentage of marks are admitted."

Mr. YAKUB HASAN:—"Was there any Muslim candidate among those who applied and were refused admission?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I do not know, Sir. As far as I am aware, no such candidate applied and no one was refused."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask whether it is the policy of the Government to reject certain candidates for admission to Government colleges even though they have been declared eligible for collegiate studies by a competent board especially when there is a paucity of candidates seeking admission to the colleges?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I want notice, Sir."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"In view of the fact that the number of girls seeking admission to the college is going down, will the Government change the Principal and put somebody else in her place and thus make the institution more popular than it is at present?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I do not know whether it is on account of the present Principal that the number of girls seeking admission to the college is going down. The question presumes that and I do not agree with the presumption."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether the hon. Minister is aware that there was so much difficulty to get the girls of various communities admitted in the college last time?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I am not aware, Sir."

Cut in the allotment made to District Educational Councils.

*264 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amounts allotted to each District Educational Council in the Presidency for the years 1930–31, 1931–32 and 1932–33;

(*b*) the amount of cut made in the allotments given to the District Educational Councils for 1931–32 and 1932–33, and how the proportionate cut was arrived at; and

(*c*) whether District Educational Councils memorialized the authorities concerned and with what results?

A.—(*a*) A statement[a] is placed on the table.

[a] Printed as Appendix VI on page 310 infra.

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(b) As a measure of general retrenchment, the provision for educational grants and subsidies was reduced in 1931–32 and 1932–33 by 3½ and 2 per cent, respectively. This uniform cut was applied to the provision for teaching grants payable by District Educational Councils and in addition, the provision for night schools was also substantially reduced owing to the adoption of the policy of weeding out ill-conducted schools.

(c) Yes; applications for additional allotments had to be rejected for want of funds.

Rao Sahib V. I. Muniswami Pillai:—" May I ask whether the Government are aware that owing to retrenchment in the allotments made to aided agencies, many of them which have been catering to the needs of the depressed classes have closed down? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" I am not aware."

Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai:—" May I know whether the Government will reconsider their decision and make further allotments during the current year? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" I do not know what my hon. Friend means, but I may tell him that all the cuts have already been removed."

Mr. Mahmud Schamnad:—" May I know whether it is not a fact that there was delay in the sanctioning of the subsidy not only in the current year but also in previous years? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" I want notice, Sir."

Salary of Malabar Board School teachers in arrears.

* 265 Q.—Mr. P. Madhusoodanan Thangal: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are in receipt of complaints from the board school teachers in Malabar regarding long-pending arrears of pay due to them by the several taluk boards;

(b) how many such complaints they have received and from which taluks;

(c) what the cause of the delay is in paying over to the taluk boards the voted grants in respect of them; and

(d) what steps the Government have taken to obviate the delay and alleviate the sufferings of the poor teachers?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Two; from the Ernad and Calicut Taluk Boards.

(c) & (d) The delay in the disbursement of voted subsidies to taluk boards in the current year is due to the fact that the particulars required for the correct distribution of